

ITEM NO.20 Court 1 (Video Conferencing) SECTION II-B

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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Cr1.) No(s).4777-4778/2021

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-03-2021 in BA No. 8998/2020 23-03-2021 in BA No. 9060/2020 passed by the High Court Of Kerala At Ernakulam)

NOBLE JOHN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF KERALA & ORS. ETC.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.76576/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.76578/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 16-07-2021 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. BOPANNA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HRISHIKESH ROY

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Jayanth Muthraj, Sr. Adv.
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For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Having heard learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and having perused the material available on record, we are not inclined to interfere with the judgment and order passed by the High Court in granting anticipatory bail to the respondent Nos. 3 to 6 in SLP (Cr1. No.4777 of 2021 and Respondent No.3 in SLP (Cr1.) No.4778 of 2021.

Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the de-facto complainant submits that certain observations made in the impugned order while granting bail to the aforesaid respondents touching on merits will adversely affect the petitioner in the trial of the case. In view of the same, we delete the observations made by the High Court relating to the merits and nature of the case which are likely to affect the petitioner adversely. The Trial Court is directed not to take into consideration any such observation made by the High Court and to conclude the trial on its own merits and in accordance with law without being influenced by any of the observations made by the High Court in the impugned order, which stand limited only to the consideration of bail.

The special leave petitions are, accordingly, dismissed with the above observations.

As a sequel to the above, pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

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